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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2981

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: LUIS MENDEZ ROVOA RELEASED BY KIDNAPPERS JUNE 10

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2367

1. SALVADORAN BUSINESSMAN LUIS MENDEZ NOVOA KIDNAPPED WITH ERNESTO SOL MEZA EARLY MORNING MAY 14 (SEE REFTEL) WAS RELEASED IN SUBURB OF SAN SALVADOR EVENING JUNE 10. MEDIA HAS CARRIED INFORMATION ONLY CONCERNING FACT THAT HE WAS RELEASED AND DEPARTED FOLLOWING DAY, JUNE 11, FOR THE U.S. SOL MEZA AND JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN MATSUMOTO, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED MAY 17, STILL HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM.

2. COMMENT: MENDEZ NOVOA AND FAMILY APPARENTLY ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO DISCUSS KIDNAPPING AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE WITH EITHER GOES SECURITY FORCES OR LOCAL MEDIA. PRESUMABLY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WERE ABLE TO RAISE RANSOM REQUESTED (ONE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS OR SOME NEGOTIATED
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FIGURE). SINCE MENDEZ NOVOA WAS NOT DEBRIEFED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND MAY WELL HAVE INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN SOL MEZA AND MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPINGS, EMBASSY INVITES DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES COULD CONTACT MENDEZ NOVOA IN U.S. IF SUCH ACTION DEEMED FEASIBLE, EMBASSY WILL TRY TO ASCERTAIN EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF MENDEZ NOVOA. PRESUMABLY

HE ENTERED U.S. AT MIAMI AFTERNOON JUNE 11.
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